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In re Application of

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For: A Method for Reducing Alkaline Darkening of Mechanical
Pulp Containing a Calcium Carbonate Filler

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows. prior to calculating the official fees.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The first paragraph at page 2 is amended to show the continuation status as well as the priority claim under 35 USC 119(e).

There is attached a sheet containing a clean first paragraph of the specification to replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 2 to 3.

Additionally, there is attached here a sheet annotated to show the changes made in the first paragraph at page 1.

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